

attended and served by Indians, weekly; and by Negroes, which be their slaves, during their life.

In this sort, we remained, and served in the said city of Mexico and thereabouts, for the space of a year and somewhat longer f ? *till Spring 0/1571*.

Afterwards, many of us were appointed by our masters, to go to sundry of their mines, where they had to do ; and to be as Overseers of the Negroes and Indians that laboured there.

In which mines, many of us did profit and gain greatly. For first we were allowed 300 pesos a man for a year; which is £60 sterling [*=about £500 now*]. And besides that, the Indians and Negroes which wrought under our charge, upon our well using and intreating of them, would, at times (as upon Saturdays when they had left work) labour for us; and blow as much silver as should be worth unto us 3 marks or thereabouts (every mark being worth 6 J pesos of their money; which igj- pesos is worth £4 ios, of our money).

Sundry weeks, we did gain so much by this means, besides our wages, that many of us became very rich, and were worth 3,000 or 4,000 pesos [*=£600 ov £800=about £5,000 or £7,000 now*]. For we lived and gained thus much in those mines, in some three or four years.

As concerning those gentlemen which were delivered as hostages, and that were kept in prison in the Viceroy's house; after that we *about January 1570* were gone from out of the garden to serve gentlemen as aforesaid; they remained prisoners in the said house, for the space of four months after their coming thither.

At the end whereof [*in the Summer of 1570*], the Fleet being ready to depart from San Juan de Ulua, to go for Spain; the said Gentlemen \* were sent away into Spain, with the Fleet [*p. 324*]. Where, as I have heard it credibly reported, many of them died with the cruel handling of the Spaniards in the Inquisition House ; as those which have been delivered home after they had suffered the persecution of that House, can more perfectly declare.

ROBERT BARRET,\* the Master of the *Jesus*, was also sent

\* Note the murderous injustice of this. Neither the hostages, nor BARRET had fought a stroke at San Juan de Ulua.